

TAYLORS ARE GUILTY

JURY UNANIMOUS ON THE VERY FIRST BALLOT TAKEN.

VERDICT IS CHEERED

PRISONERS BEHAVE LIKE HUNTED BEASTS AT BAY.

DENOUNCED AS BLOODY BUTCHERS

PROSECUTOR BRESNEHAN DEMANDS BLOOD FOR BLOOD.

Motion for a New Trial will be Filed—Editor's Wife Goes Horsewhipping—Durant's Defense—Crime News.

Carrollton, Mo., Aug. 2.—"We the jury find the defendants, William P. and George Taylor, guilty of murder in the first degree." Such is the verdict rendered at 2:20 o'clock this afternoon in the notorious Meeks murder trial.

It took but one ballot to decide that the Taylor brothers were guilty of the crime charged against them and that the penalty for the butchery of Meeks, his wife and two children, on Jenkins hill, on the night of May 10, last, should be set at the limit.

The jury went out sharply at noon and when it returned two hours and twenty minutes later and returned its verdict there was no doubt as to the spectators approval of it. In an instant nearly 1,000 people crowded the court room, broke forth in a volley of cheers that were only silenced by threats of arrest made by Judge Ruckner.

Prosecutor T. M. Bresnehan, who closed for the state, made a terrible arraignment for the defense, and pleaded for mercy for his clients on behalf of their families.

"I will show you," he said, "beyond a reasonable doubt by a chain of circumstantial evidence in which there is not a link missing, that the Taylor brothers murdered Gus Meeks and his family on Jenkins hill. It was a butchery—I will show you that these men, William and George Taylor, are the butchers of the Meeks family, and I demand their punishment."

While he talked, Bill sat white and nervous. George's face was fiery and his Taylor's lips trembled and she had difficulty to keep from weeping.

Mr. Bresnehan's speech grew stronger as he proceeded and just before he closed he rose to a height such as is seldom seen in a country court house. When he closed the people burst into a roar as they realized that the case was all closed but the verdict.

Sharp at noon the jury was locked in the court room for deliberation.

At 2:20 o'clock word was sent to Judge Ruckner that the members had agreed upon a verdict.

At 2:25 o'clock the Taylors were brought into court. George had not lost his color, but Bill was pale as death. The clerk called the jury and read the verdict.

The crowd began to applaud vigorously and Bill Taylor half rose in his seat with a look of terror in his eyes as the verdict was read.

The judge and sheriff roared for order but still the crowd applauded like a mob at a Roman circus and the judge, rising in the center of the bench, ordered the Taylors to be taken to the jail.

Then began a rush for the doors, when dozens of men ran to the telegraph office to send dispatches to the people of Browning and Milan. Crowds gathered in the court house square and on the streets to discuss the verdict. All were jubilant.

The verdict was reached on the first ballot. It took some time before all announced themselves ready for the ballot but when the verdict was read it was all over for conviction. This was in the nature of a surprise even to themselves.

The defense will file a motion for a new trial but it is not believed that it will be granted.

HIS WIFE WENT ALONG.

Editorial Verdict Leads to Revolvers.

St. Joseph, Aug. 2.—V. T. Williams, editor of the St. Joseph Herald, and F. A. W. Warner, editor of the St. Joseph Sentinel, have been indicted in a newspaper quarrel.

Williams, who is a resident of St. Joseph, was indicted for having published in his paper yesterday that he had accumulated all his property himself and while his taxes were not as much as those of the editor of the Sentinel, none of his wealth had come in the way of a by-product contract made at the altar.

Mrs. Warner considered that the paragraph reflected on her. She is the daughter of J. W. Hampton, a Denver millionaire who lived for many years at Mount Pleasant, Kan. On the day of her marriage to Warner her father presented her with a check for \$10,000 and it was to this present that reference was made by Williams.

In the afternoon Mrs. Warner accompanied by her husband, went to the Herald office and horsewhipped Williams, while Warner struck his rival over the head with a revolver.

TACTICS OF THE DEFENSE.

Alibi and Case of Double Identity in the Durant Case.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 2.—It is said that the counsel for Theodore Durant, charged with the Emanuel Baptist church murders, will attempt to prove an alibi by the testimony of members of the Durant family, but it is not yet determined as to whether to put the defendant on the stand or not.

If the people present a strong case of circumstantial evidence a strenuous effort will be made to throw an unknown party into the case, who will resemble Durant in such a way that the best defense expects is a disagreement of the jury.

WHITEMAN'S MOTION FOR MERCY.

Court Continues the Case Two Weeks to Allow Further Evidence.

San Francisco, Cal., Aug. 2.—A. J. Whiteman, ex-banker and millionaire of Duluth, Minn., mayor of Duluth, member of the Minnesota legislature and recently convicted of forgery, made a personal address today in the superior court in support of his own motion for a new trial. The new trial was demanded on the score of newly discovered evidence.

The charge against Whiteman is that he had victimized several friends in San Francisco by means of a forged check drawn by Frank Dixon upon a New York bank. All through the trial Whiteman insisted that there was such a person as Dixon, although he could not be found. Now it is stated, Dixon has been found and stated in the presence of certain reputable residents of

CHICAGO THAT HE HAD REALLY SIGNED THE \$500 CHECK AND HAD SENT IT TO WHITEMAN IN PAYMENT OF AN INDEBTEDNESS.

Then Whiteman by permission of the court made an eloquent address recalling his social and political prominence and his efforts to find Dixon. He begged the court not to put the brand of infamy upon many men who had not been legally convicted of a crime.

Judge Wallace continued the further hearing of the motion for two weeks, instructing the special counsel for the prosecution in the meantime to ascertain whether or not Whiteman's story is true. The court stated that if there is a person as Dixon and if he signed the check and sent it to the defendant, Whiteman would have a new trial.

THERE WILL BE WARM WORK.

Trouble Predicted when the Militia Strikes the Jackson Hole Hostiles.

Market Lake, Idaho, Aug. 2.—The cavalry has reached Jackson Hole. The indications are that the infantry will be stopped enroute and not go into the Hole, as there are no Indians in sight. The cavalry is taking in the Indians and is taking in returning to their reservation.

Washington, Aug. 2.—The Indian bureau today received dispatches from two agencies in the neighborhood of the Jackson Hole country, stating that there was no cause for alarm among the Indians in the vicinity. Both agencies have been instructed by Commissioner Browning to recall all Indians away from the reservation without delay.

Salt Lake, Utah, Aug. 2.—A special to the Tribune from Market Lake, Idaho, says: There is no news of importance from the front today. General Coppinger's army will remain at Marysville for some time. Indian Agent Teter came in from Canon creek today, he will go to Fort Hall reservation tomorrow morning and have made a quick ride into this country. They had seen no Indians lately, but the night before they counted seventeen using over half a dozen of the army.

Denver, Aug. 2.—A news special from the Wyoming agency, J. W. Williams and two other Colorado prospectors arrived from the Jackson Hole country this evening. They left there Wednesday morning and have made a quick ride into this country. They had seen no Indians lately, but the night before they counted seventeen using over half a dozen of the army.

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FRESH START TAKEN

HOLMES CASE SHOWS SYMPTOMS OF A GRAND CAVEN-IN.

Pat Quinlan and His Wife are Believed to have Turned States Evidence on Promise of Protection—Confession in Writing—Lawyer Humphrey of Fort Worth Visits Allen and Says He Knows a Lot About Holmes—Declares that Minnie Williams Lives—Mediums Interview Emeline Cigrand.

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 2.—The police have at last obtained a partial confession from Pat Quinlan, the janitor of the Holmes "castle" and have, they believe, positive evidence that Benjamin F. Pietzel was murdered in this city by Holmes and the corpse sent to Philadelphia.

The confession was written out of Quinlan by means of a tip given by the local officers by Detective Geyer of Philadelphia, who arrived in this city today. The exact nature of the story told by Quinlan the police will not reveal and in fact Chief Badenoch and Inspector Geyer have both denied that Quinlan or his wife made any confession at all. Notwithstanding the denial of the police, however, it is positively known that Quinlan made a signed confession because it was the price of immunity from punishment for all the part the Quinlans may have borne in the murder of Pietzel or other crimes connected with the case.

This the police declare they will have tomorrow and they declare that by sun set of Aug. 5, they will have undisputed evidence of Pietzel's case in the hands of the direct agency of H. H. Holmes. The confession was obtained from the Quinlans only after the hardest kind of work and the price of a promise of immunity from punishment for all the part the Quinlans may have borne in the murder of Pietzel or other crimes connected with the case.

MINNIE WILLIAMS LIVES.

Little Rock, Aug. 2.—Attorney O. M. Humphreys of Fort Worth arrived here today and went almost immediately to the prison where he was to interview Minnie Williams, who is charged with the murder of Benjamin F. Pietzel.

After the conference he said: "Undoubtedly anybody else about the transfer of the Williams property because he spoke to me intelligently about the various papers connected with the case. I am now in my possession and the contents of which have never been made public. I knew Allen in Fort Worth and from circumstances connected with the case mentioned to me today, in connection with these deals, I know he was intimate with Holmes."

"I think Minnie Williams is still alive."

"I must assume so. From what I know and from what Allen said today, I am positive that she is not only living but that she is in the United States and that she is free to be with her mother in less than forty-eight hours."

What Mrs. Quinlan knows of the disappearance of Mrs. Julia L. Conner in Holmes' castle and saw the body of the woman after she was dead. She further knew that her daughter, Pearl Conner, disappeared mysteriously in the castle after her return from a trip to the Quinlan farm at Lake Michigan.

Chief Badenoch took Mrs. Quinlan and her husband to the castle today with Inspector Fitzpatrick and detectives Fitzpatrick and his men. The subject of this trip was more for the purpose of letting Quinlan and his wife meet than any other. They were escorted together to the castle and were taken to the room in which the Julia Conner's corpse lies and the chair belonging to the murdered woman stands. That took place before the police had any idea of the whereabouts of the woman. Chief Badenoch and his detectives. Chief Conner has proof positive that Mrs. Conner and Pearl, her daughter, or Mrs. Quinlan were in the castle at the time of the murder.

Further, Quinlan and his wife have proved to the police that Mrs. Conner was so well aware of the schemes which Holmes was carrying out that it became necessary for Holmes to put the woman out of the way.

Mrs. Conner's body was disposed of by burial within the castle somewhere close to the spot where the supposed body was found. The police have not ceased their efforts to find the bottom of the basement and uncover the remains. The digging which was suspended today will continue tomorrow and during the coming week. Pat Quinlan and his wife have admitted particularly that the woman more than the man, that a business in receiving and disposing of dead bodies stolen from graves was carried on in the castle under the direction of Holmes.

The graves of the western portion of Michigan, Grand Haven, South Haven and other places, are being dug up and the bodies of the dead are being taken to the castle and buried there.

The bodies were brought to the castle, chemically treated and then disposed of by burial within the castle. The remains were re-made by Quinlan, Pietzel and Holmes and were disposed of by the undertakers at a fair price.

We have sufficient evidence to keep Holmes in prison for the remainder of his natural life and to send him to the penitentiary for life, without charging him with murder. Should he, by technicality, escape from the charge in Philadelphia, twenty warrants on other charges are ready to be served on him. The Toronto charge of murder is the strongest one against him and if he is taken there he will probably be hanged. As to all the Chicago charges there is no proof that he was a swindler. I believe it will be found that he did murder Mrs. Conner and the two Williams girls. Minnie Williams I think was killed last fall at the same time as was Pietzel.

EXPRESSMAN'S STORY.

New witnesses in the Holmes case have been located. Jasper Richardson, the expressman, wanted to back up the testimony of M. O. Chappell, Holmes' "home" man, who is not dead as reported.

Richardson corroborates Chappell's story. He has told the police all he knows of Holmes' traffic in mysterious packages and boxes and besides the express companies receipts in the Washington street office show just how much work Holmes had done in the years

1891-93 and where the "packages" he handled were delivered.

The new witness said he did not know what these packages contained and the time he had to handle them the police he made no reservations but since Chappell says his traffic was in dead men's bones Richardson says he had prepared to be sent to the penitentiary for the stuff was also taken to the various depots. He received a good many consignments himself from other points. The boxes handled as I remember only a few and they were small and there were also well headed barrels in numbers. I don't remember of seeing that old trunk Chappell turned up in the case of the Holmes case. I guess Holmes had used for most everything he handled without throwing anything away."

MEMPHIS KICKS ON ALLEN.

Memphis, Tenn., Aug. 2.—The Little Rock and Memphis murder sensation is about petered out. In the next forty-eight hours the police will in all probability have proven that Convict John Edgar Smith had no connection with Holmes and his crimes, as he was in the Tennessee penitentiary for horse stealing at the time he claims to have been operating in Fort Worth, Tex., for Holmes. A few months ago he was paroled but was immediately sent to Arkansas and engaged in his former pursuit. There he again came under arrest and was sent to the Arkansas state prison where he now is. The Memphis police are confident Caldwell's story is only a ruse.

WANTS PAY FOR TALK.